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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***  
**Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**  
**CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, August 11, 2005, Paul Garnett, Director, Regulatory Policy, CTIA – The Wireless Association™ met with John Branscome, Acting Legal Advisor for Wireless, Technology and International Issues and Russell Hanser, Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition Issues, Office of Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, to discuss the pending universal service contribution methodology reform proceeding. During the meeting, the parties discussed points detailed in the attached presentation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter, along with all of the materials distributed at the meeting, is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Paul Garnett*

Paul Garnett

Attachment

cc: John Branscome  
Russell Hanser